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SUBJECT: BASIC PEOPLE'S CONGRESSES DEBATE WEALTH DISTRIBUTION AND  
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1.(C) Summary: Libya's nearly 500 local level councils -- "Basic People's Congresses" -- concluded their deliberations February 23 over two rad  
DESPITE EXHORTATION, ORDINARY LIBYANS UNDECIDED ON WEALTH DISTRIBUTION

2.(C) On the evening of February 14, Libyan TV broadcast a meeting between Muammar al-Qadhafi and Secretaries (Minister-equivalents) of the Ger

3.(C) The 468 BPCs then began their deliberations, which were played live on Libyan radio throughout the week. The GOL extended the BPCs one da  
LIBYAN EXPERTS ATTEMPT TO IMPLEMENT AL-QADHAFI'S VISION

4.(C//NF) Despite al-Qadhafi's public exhortations that "the people" own the oil wealth and should determine how to distribute it, high-ranking

5.(C) xxxxxxxxxxxx the limited capacity of the General People's Committee secretaries is the single biggest impediment to meaningful reform. Ev

6.(C) Comment: Muammar al-Qadhafi's calls for wealth distribution and government restructuring are a populist message intended to distance hims